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SUBJECT: GOP INTENDS TO SEEK QUOTA IN U.S. FISHERY

CONSERVATION ZONE

REF: (A) STATE 1115 (NOTAL), (B) 76 STATE 278124 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DELIVERED DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON U.S. WITHDRAWAL
FROM ICNAF (REF A), ALONG WITH COPY OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT, TO
MANUEL BARREIRO MARTINS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JAN 5 AND NEXT DAY TO
CAPTAIN ESTEVES CARDOSO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR FISHERIES ADMINIS-
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TRATION. MARTINS SAID THAT PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD
ALREADY REPORTED U.S. ACTION. NEITHER OFFICIAL COMMENTED ON
U.S. DECISION.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER ALSO DISCUSSED WITH MARTINS AND CARDOSO
PROBLEM OF FISHING PERMITS REQUIRED UNDER U.S. FISHERY
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT. NOTED THAT GOP

HAD NOT RESPONDED TO PREVIOUS EMBASSY NOTE, DELIVERED IN NOVEMBER 1976 (REF B); EXPLAINED REQUIREMENT FOR GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHING AGREEMENT (GIFA); AND UNDERLINED SHORTNESS OF TIME BEFORE MARCH 1 DEADLINE. MARTINS SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE NEED FOR RAPID ACTION AND APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY, BUT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN RESPONSE FROM FISHERIES SECRETARIAT.

3. APPARENTLY RESPONSE TO REF B DIPLOMATIC NOTE HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF BUREAUCRATIC ERROR. IN MID-NOVEMBER, EMBASSY OFFICER GAVE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISHERIES PEDRO COELHO COPY OF NOTE. COELHO SAID THAT HE WOULD GIVE IT TO CARDOSO, WHO IS COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. CARDOSO, HOWEVER, CLAIMS THAT HE HAS NEVER SEEN EMBASSY NOTE. HE PROMISED TO PREPARE RAPID RESPONSE IF WE SENT HIM A COPY (WHICH WE HAVE DONE).

4. CARDOSO ALSO INDICATED THAT GOP IS FULLY AWARE OF GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT. HE SAID THAT BOTH THE U.S. AND CANADA PROVIDED ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE OF 200-MILE CONSERVATION ZONE. IN FACT, GOP ENJOYED SUFFICIENT TIME BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1976 DEADLINE TO NEGOTIATE COMPLEX ARRANGEMENT (COVERING 56 BOATS FISHING FOR VARIETY OF SPECIES) WITH CANADA, WHICH CONTROLS PORTUGAL'S MOST IMPORTANT FISHING GROUNDS. HOWEVER, UNEXPECTED SURGE OF 200-MILE DECLARATIONS BY EC, NORWAY, USSR AND JAPAN HAS FORCED GOP TO TABLE STUDY OF AND RESPONSE TO U.S. PROBLEM. GOP HAS ONLY JUST REACHED AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY AND EC, WHICH ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE IMPORTANT TO PORTUGUESE FISHERMEN THAN U.S.

5. CARDOSO HOPES THAT WITHIN 2-3 WEEKS GOP WILL BE IN POSITION TO SEEK GIFA ACCORD WITH U.S. HE SAID THAT PORTUGAL INTENDS TO ASK ONLY FOR A SQUID QUOTA (FOR ABOUT FOUR VESSELS). THEREFORE, HE PRESUMES NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE NEITHER PROTRACTED NOR DIFFICULT. CARDOSO SAID THAT GOP IS PREPARED TO SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON IF NECESSARY, BUT HE HOPES THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CARRIED OUT ON EMBASSY LEVEL AND AGREEMENT BE MADE THROUGH EXCHANGE OF NOTES.
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